



The Camellia blooms for this season are starting to appear in some of our member's yards and at the Shade House. Here is John Davy's, sasanqua LA Lady in bloom on our property.

The excitement of our Club members coming together again was well reflected at our September meeting with over 50 members in attendance. I was finally able to present Lauren Mate with the 'Person of the Year' award for 2020. Her leadership and courage, as she made the final decisions for the Club throughout the pandemic year was not easy. – Thank You Lauren.



I enjoy the camaraderie of our meetings but more so those productive workdays at the Shade House and at UWF Garden. Check the newsletter for 'Upcoming Events' and mark down these dates, times and places for you to participate with members in the work. Hands on experiences are the best method to learn about Camellias and the person next to you. Our first workdays are coming up. Friday Oct 22nd at UWF harvesting air-layers, gibbing and clean up the garden. The following day, Saturday Oct 23rd, we will be at the Shade House potting air-layers. I look forward to welcoming you to view our storage building and hear your comments.

To everyone who was involved with the work at the Shade House we are relieved it is finished and very pleased with the outcome.

Presently the grounds are being maintained by John Mate and Louise Seitz. It is looking great and being well groomed. I was particularly please on a recent visit to



see the county had cleaned the drainage ditch in front of the property. It had become blocked with overgrowth and debris which did not allow for proper drainage. I had contacted them and they were very responsive. If you know any of the county

workers involved please thank them. I am attaching a photo of the before and after, a simple but important need when it rains every day.



Trumin Brown/ President

The Pensacola Camellia Club Foundation provided financial support for the activities of the Pensacola Camellia Club. In years past, our club members had to solicit funds for the Show from local businesses and financial supporters. That was difficult, time consuming, and distasteful to most of our members. Now, thanks in large part to the Foundation's financial support, we no longer have to worry about financing our annual show and can devote our full attention to the show itself. Our Club greatly benefits from having our Foundation.

The Foundation always needs and welcomes your donations and memorial gifts. It is both exempt from federal income taxation, as a 501(c) (3) organization, and qualified to receive charitable contributions and bequests which are tax deductible for federal income, estate, and gift tax purposes.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT ONE OF THE FOUNDATION BOARD MEMBERS.

Chair: Paul Bruno, Trustees: Trumin Brown, Richard Hooton, Alan McMillan, Skip Vogelsang. Mailing Address: Pensacola Camellia Club, PO Box 707, Pensacola, FL 32591.

We recently received a \$2,500 donation for the T. Morris Scholarship from Ronnie & Charlotte Wilson, niece and nephew of the late T. Morris.

Upcoming Events

Tuesday Oct. 19th – General meeting at The Garden Center, 6:30pm social, 7pm Program: Greg Taylor, ‘**Harvesting and Potting Air-Layers with Gib Demonstrations**’. You will need to ‘gib’ 7 weeks prior to our show date to have your camellias ready to produce blooms so you can enter at our December 11th show.

*Our show will include toy donations for the Marines “**Toys for Tots**” program. You can bring in unwrapped toys that you have purchased tonight. If you prefer you can make a monetary donation tonight or mail in your donation to; PCC, PO Box 707, Pensacola FL 32591 and we will do the shopping for you. We greatly appreciate your help here too.*

Friday Oct. 22nd – [UWF Camellia Garden](#) **Work Day** starting at 9:00am to 11:00am. We will be harvesting air layers, gibbing and general cleaning of the garden. Please bring your gloves, and yard waste containers to pick up branches.

Saturday Oct. 23rd – **ALL HANDS NEEDED!** This is a very **BIG and Important Work Day** at [Shade House](#) starting at 9:00am. We will be potting our harvested air layers, spraying camellias, transferring plants from the right side to the left side of the shade house, fertilizing, and general clean up. Please bring your gloves and water bottles. The Shade House is located at 3279 Pine Forest Road, Cantonment, FL 32533

Saturday Oct. 30th – [UWF Camellia Garden](#) **Work Day** We will be gibbing and general cleaning up of the garden starting at 9:00am to 11:00am. Please bring your gloves and water bottles.

Friday Nov. 12th & Saturday Nov. 13th– **Camellia plants for sale** and promoting our show outside at the [Garden Center](#) during their sale event. If you can help between 9:00am – 3:00pm please contact Louise at 850-780-0410. Please bring a chair, dress for the weather and we will greet the shoppers with camellias and smiles!

We appreciate all of our members and leave it to your discretion to wear a mask at our meetings. Seating will be spread out for you to select where you prefer to sit. Stay well and safe.

2021- 2022 Gibbing Schedule for Camellia Shows near Pensacola

This schedule is an approximation based upon an average time between the application of the gibberellic acid and blooming of about 6 weeks, bracketed with applications a week earlier or later. Thus, there are three application dates for each show. For example, if you gib 2 blooms on each plant at each application, you would have gibbed a total of 6 blooms on that plant --- and with luck maybe 1 of them will open in time for that show. The estimated time is for an average japonica plant in moderate shade and under normal Pensacola weather conditions.

	Show Date	1 st Application 7 weeks before	2 nd Application 6 weeks before	3 rd Application 5 weeks before
Boston, GA	11/06/21	9/18/21	9/25/21	10/02/21
Pensacola, FL	12/11/21	10/23/21	10/30/21	11/06/21
Tallahassee, FL	1/08/22	11/20/21	11/27/21	12/04/21
Mobile, AL	1/15/22	11/27/21	12/04/21	12/11/21
Gulfport, MS	2/05/22	12/18/21	12/25/21	1/01/22
Baton Rouge, LA	2/12/22	12/22/21	1/01/22	1/08/22
Brookhaven, MS	2/26/22	1/08/22	1/15/22	1/22/22

There is no fixed time for the gib to take effect, and many factors will affect the time. Early blooming varieties usually bloom more quickly and late blooming varieties usually take longer; some take much longer. More mature buds will bloom sooner than less mature ones. Reticulatas normally average a longer time to bloom than do japonicas. Plants in full sun may also bloom sooner. Of course, abnormally warm weather will accelerate blooming, while heavy freezes and colder conditions will delay blooming. Go to the [American Camellia Society](https://www.american-camellia-society.org/) website for a video demonstrating gibbing.



To apply, select a well-developed flower bud with an upward-facing leaf bud, and remove the leaf bud with a twisting action. Place one drop of acid in the cup left where leaf bud was removed.



All members are needed before, during and after the 83rd Annual Camellia Show on December 11th.

Preliminary Show Prep

As you are aware, our club lost one of our most treasured members this year. What you may not have realized are the weeks T. Morris spent loading up supplies for our show, preparing clerk aprons with the necessary items, inventorying entry cards for blooms and getting them reordered, getting lunch vouchers out to judges, prepping name tags, and having all the extra supplies that no one thought about bringing. During the months of October and November, these items will need to be handled by club members. We expect that we will make several last minute discoveries of things that we did not realize she was handling.

This means in the next two months we will need volunteers who can commit some time out at the shade house property to get these items ready. We will also need people with large vehicles to load up these items to bring down to the Garden Center before Friday's December 10th setup.

Day of the Show Help

Below is a list of where your help is needed on the day of our Annual Camellia Show Saturday December 11th. Please read through our needs, and plan to sign up at the October & November meeting or by replying to the newsletter. Plan to spend the whole day, and try various jobs to learn what it takes to put on a great show.

Camellia Bloom Prep, Show & Awards - Skip Vogelsang lbv3rd@gmail.com is the Show Chairman in charge and taking all questions prior to the show.

At our December 7th meeting Skip will demonstrate the job of **Bloom Placement** based on division for unprotected and protected with sub categories for the various classes that he will explain in detail at the meeting. The day of the show, exhibitors will arrive at 7:00am to prepare their blooms in the prep area, café room and in the large tent that will be in the parking lot at the Garden Center. When the exhibitors have their blooms & entry card ready you will carry trays of blooms to the large room where Dick Hooton, aka' the gate keeper' will review every entry card for correct information. We would like 4 helpers for 7:00am, additional 4 helpers will be needed at 8:00am and 4 more at 8:30am. Dick will tell you to proceed in placing the bloom at the correct division, class table or if there is an error to return the bloom to the exhibitor. All blooms placement must be completed by 10:00am.

Judges- Alan McMillan is the lead person for ACS certified judges and novice judges. Alan will recruit most of the judges from out of town along with some novice judges, but this year we will use local judges too due to the virus. They are grouped in teams of three and will need a clerk and runner for each team starting at 10:00am.

Clerks and runners- Bill Lyford will be the lead person for clerks and runners. He will need a clerk and a runner for each team of judges starting at 10:00am. Some of the placement helpers can transition to this task with other more members that have arrived. Clerks will be responsible to place color stickers on entry cards based on the award level or place 'head table' cards for blooms that move on in the competition. The runner will use a tray to carry the bloom with its entry card to the 'head table' aka 'contention table' where two members will review the entry information against the Camellia Nomenclature book.

All of the head table blooms will be reexamined by the judges in order to move on to the next stage. These clerks and runners will be needed at this stage to add up scores for each bloom to determine our winners for the various prizes. Once the winners are finalized, they will need to be placed on the award table. Dick Hooton and Christi Hankins will be directing you to place the winner of each category in its designated spot on the award table. (Need 20 helpers.)

Plant sales - Trumin Brown will be the lead person for plant sales. We plan to bring 200 plants to the show to sell. Your help is needed to load and unload the plants with care the day before. All plants will be labeled with bloom photos, descriptions and prices to make work easy. This is also a great time to encourage membership on the spot for \$10. Sales will be outdoors, from 9-4pm and he would like 2 shifts of 3-4 helpers.

Our goal is to keep the public occupied while judging is taking place and NOT in the building until the show opens at 1:00pm.

Greeters- Louise Seitz will be the lead person in need of 4 greeters to cover 2 hour shifts to welcome our guest starting at 1:00pm to handout show brochures and provide directional information.

Will need someone stationed at the door with a clicker to take count of attendance for recording to ACS.

Membership –Debbie Brown will be the lead person for Membership to Pensacola Camellia Club and American Camellia Society during the public viewing hours 1-4pm. She would like 1 person to assist her with membership

Photographer if you enjoy taking photos we have an opening for you to capture the fun of our members in action and all of the beautiful winning blooms for our website. Please contact Louise Seitz if you can help to plan times.

Lunch time - We will need helpers to change the prep room to a dining area for our guest and judges to eat lunch. This could be changed over between 10am and noon. Arlene Williams BBQ truck will be onsite for you to purchase your lunch.

Clean Up – The show ends at 4:00pm, then you may take blooms to enjoy and share with friends, otherwise they will all go in the trash. Every bloom cup will be emptied, stacked and boxed, Toys for Tots loaded for the Marines, and plants that did not sell back in the van. Cleaning and packing up at the end of the day is easy with many hands.

If you read through all of this you know we will need many hands and smiling faces for a day filled with camellias. PLEASE Help throughout the day where you can and have your family and friends come to the show and see all of the beautiful blooms.



Our show falls on the second Saturday in December every year which is why we collect **Toys for Tots** in place of prizes for our winners. It is rewarding for our members who generously purchase new toys for the Marines to give to the needy children of Escambia County. These toys can be costly, which exceeds the cash or prizes we have given in previous years. A new bike cost around \$100.00 and board games, dolls and other toys start at \$20-\$25. Please bring your unwrapped toy donation or if you prefer to donate cash we will shop for you. Christi Hankins has the energy to collect your toy donations, stores them in plastic bins, and delivers them to the show to arrange these donations for display on the eve of the show.

Getting to Know Your Fellow Camellia Member

An Interview with Dorothy (Dottie) King By Debbie Brown/ VP Membership



This story starts with our Lifetime Member Dottie King calling PCC Camellia Sales Inventory manager, Trumin Brown, to request some camellias for sale. She explained that her out-of-town relatives were visiting and she wanted to send them home with lovely, Pink Perfection and Sea Foam. Dedicated Trumin said we have those and he would deliver the plants to her home. I accompanied Trumin to a trip to the Shade House to gather the plants for this sale which turned into a lovely visit with Dottie.

In 1971 Dottie and her husband moved to Pensacola which was his family home. They purchased the home of Judge Earnest Edward Mason in East Hill. The yard was full of well established Camellias and Judge Mason teased her that he took the best ones with him. Surrounded with so many different camellias it is hard to select just one as a favorite for her. Her pleasure comes from bringing the Camellias into her rooms to decorate throughout the home.

For 32 years she taught math and the last 16 were at PSC. She loved teaching and working with young adults but her greatest passion is photography. When she received her first camera she attended a class at PJC and it was history after that. She has traveled extensively photographing people, places and nature for the last 30 years. The best way to view what she has captured through the lens is by visiting her website, www.dottiekingphotography.com. She has been displayed in Pensacola Museum of Art, Artel Gallery, and Quayside Art Gallery and received many accolades including Best of Show.



The photo to the right is Dottie, posing with her photograph of Aspens, which is displayed on wood. She is a very artistic individual that appreciates the beauty of nature in her life.

Speaking of Photos, here are the winners from the photo contest.

There were 62 photos submitted and 65 ballots casted.

